

TBI AVIATION UNIT

COLLEGE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Aviation Unit is responsible for conducting flight operations in support of investigations conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and partner agencies. The Aviation Unit is comprised of special agent / criminal investigators and an administrative assistant located at TBI headquarters in Nashville, TN and the TBI hangar in Smyrna, TN.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Aviation Unit primarily functions as a support unit within TBI, assisting with surveillance activities from an aerial platform and case related agent transport. Special agents assigned to the Aviation Unit begin training as Tactical Flight Officer (TFO) and possibly progress to a pilot position. Along with these duties, Aviation Unit personnel oversee the scheduling of flight operations, aircraft and surveillance equipment maintenance, documenting surveillance activities conducted, communicating with other agents and agencies, and tracking aircraft flight time. The internship will focus primarily on the TFO duties, with exposure to all other aspects of the unit. As the role of the Aviation Unit is airborne law enforcement, interns assigned to the Aviation Unit must be willing and able to ride as observers in aircraft.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

Working toward obtaining a Bachelor's, Master's, Ph. D or J.D. related to criminal justice, behavioral sciences, law or aerospace related courses. The Internship must be for academic credit and from an accredited college or university.

PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

Interns assigned to the Aviation Unit will be expected to learn concepts related to airborne law enforcement. They will be expected to ask relevant questions and develop interpersonal skills necessary to interact with various types of people encountered during criminal and civil investigations. They will be expected to be fully engaged in all processes, free from external distractions.